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Facilities Department
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To: Belmont Select Board
From: David Blazon – Director of Facilities
Re: Contract to Install a Public Address (PA) System at Butler School
Date: July 5, 2023

Please find attached a contract with Galaxy Integrated Technologies, Inc. to install a new Public Address System replacing the current old and inoperable system at the Butler School.

The project was approved by Capital Committee in 2018 and was supposed to be combined with a new Fire Alarm System. After a number of delays from COVID and cost increases requiring additional money be added to the budget, the Fire Alarm work started last summer and it was hoped that the same contractor could add the PA project to their contract once the budget was increased. After review with the Town's in-house counsel, the value of the proposed change order (\$192,000) by the Fire Alarm contractor was over and above an allowed change order amount.

Facilities then went to our existing security and technologies contractor and ask for a quote. Galaxy's quote was considerably less and fits within the parameters of the Commonwealth's COMMBUYS Program. The work will start right away and is expected to be substantially completed by the beginning of school this September.

The Facilities Department respectfully requests the Select Board to approve the Galaxy Integrated Technologies contract in the sum of \$125,924.84 with a 10% contingency for any unforeseen issues during construction.

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